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SUBJECT: NZ/US COOPERATION IN ENERGY RESOURCES

REF: WELLINGTON 2572

1. SUMMARY. NZ AMBASSADOR HAS INDICATED PM KIRK INTENDS TO RAISE, WITH PRESIDENT NIXON DURING SEPTEMBER 27 CALL, THE POSSIBILITY OF US/NZ COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES -- PRIMARILY SOLAR ENERGY. (END SUMMARY)

2. DURING SEPTEMBER 20 CONVERSATION BETWEEN NZ AMBASSADOR LLOYD WHITE AND EA/ANP COUNTRY DIRECTOR LEO MOSER, WHITE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ALERT USG THAT PM KIRK INTENDED TO PROPOSE TO PRESIDENT NIXON THAT US AND NZ ENTER INTO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN FIELD OF ENERGY  
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RESOURCES. KIRK WOULD BE RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT'S

ENERGY MESSAGE OF APRIL 18 WHICH PROPOSED (P.17) "GREATER INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT."

3. SPECIFICALLY, KIRK WOULD SUGGEST A 50-50 NZ/US PROJECT CENTERED ON RESEARCH INTO POSSIBLE "NON-CONVENTIONAL" ENERGY SOURCES, ESPECIALLY SOLAR SOURCES BUT TO SOME EXTENT ALSO GEO-THERMAL. PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE AS WELL. WINDS AND THERMAL

DIFFERENCES IN SEA CURRENTS MENTIONED AS PART OF CONCEPT OF SOLAR ENERGY. WHITE ALSO MENTIONED ANTARCTIC RESEARCH, IN WHICH US AND NZ CURRENTLY COOPERATING, AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST IN THIS R AND D. THIS REFERENCE APPEARED, HOWEVER, WHITE'S OWN EXTENSION OF KIND OF THINGS THAT MIGHT FALL UNDER KIRK'S PROPOSAL.

4. WHITE HAD NO INFORMATION ON SCALE OF PROJECTS OR AMOUNT OF FUNDS KIRK WOULD PROPOSE. RUSH

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